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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Adnan M. Mirza

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Helgeson et al (U.S. 2002/0073236) and in view of O'Brien et al (U.S. 6,351,776).

As per claims 1,9,17 Helgeson disclosed a computer implemented method of adapting a transaction-based mainframe application to process transactions over a network, said transaction-based mainframe application comprising source code describing a transaction and information related to the transaction, hereinafter related information, said method comprising: scanning the source code of the transaction-based mainframe application to identify the transaction and the related information (Page 2, Paragraph. 0016); wherein the transaction-based mainframe application is unable to process transaction over a World Wide Web (Page. 3, col. 0039); storing in a database the related information identified in the scan of the source code, wherein after identified information (Page. 19, Paragraph, 0381-0382); extracting from the database parameter definitions describing communication of information by the transaction, hereinafter extracted information; identifying a parameter usage type for each parameter (Page. 12, col. 0277-0278, Page. 48, col. 0836), said parameter usage type selectable from the parameter usage type set comprising input, output, input/output, and unreferenced; displaying the transaction and a subset

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of the related information and extracted information (Page. 19, col. 0387); Wherein the identified connector enables the transaction-based application to process transactions over the web by enabling the transaction to be passed from a web application server to the transaction-based mainframe application (Page. 21, Paragraph. 0420 & Page. 22, Paragraph. 0424). One ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention knows that couple of ways first by scanning the codes to transfer the application content between two different operating system and it doesn't matter to what kind of operating system should be included and second by specifying the specific parameters.

However Helgeson does not disclose in details allowing a user to select the transaction; and using the identified information and extracted information to package the user-selected transaction in a form compatible with a connector building tool by generating a communication area file that may be parsed by the connector building tool to build a connector and documentation file that provides documentation about the communication area file.

In the same field of endeavor O'Brien disclosed the user must be sent back to the same database query is made at step 740 to determine if that database is still up. If it is, the request is passed to the pool specification where it is subsequently passed to the database object, on to the connection pool and the appropriate database, either the transactional database or the query database (col. 15, lines 21-27).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated the user must be sent back to the same database query is made at

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step 740 to determine if that database is still up. If it is, the request is passed to the pool specification where it is subsequently passed to the database object, on to the connection pool and the appropriate database, either the transactional database or the query database as taught by O'Brien in the method of Helgeson to make it efficient for the files to be available worldwide through the Internet and providing means by which files and other data may be stored on the Internet and made available worldwide through the Internet.

3. As per claims 2,10,18 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed wherein the communication area file contains information which can be parsed by a connector building tool (O'Brien, col. 16, lines 61-67, col. 17, lines 1-9).

4. As per claims 3,11,19 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed wherein the documentation file describes the communication area file (O'Brien, col. 13, lines 39-49).

5. As per claims 4,12,20 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed wherein the documentation file comprises field description information and connection information (O'Brien, col. 13, lines 39-49).

6. As per claims 5,13,21 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed using the identified information and extracted information to build a connector (O'Brien, col. 15, lines 21-41).

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7. As per claims 6,14,22 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed comprising using the identified information and extracted information to build an enterprise Java bean connector (O'Brien, col. 15, lines 21-41).

8. As per claims 7,15,23 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed wherein the database can be queried to find program parts comprising the transaction-based mainframe application and identify relationships between the program parts (Helgeson, Page. 12, col. 0277-0278)

9. As per claims 8,16,24 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed wherein the related information is a member of the set comprising relationships, call hierarchies, transactions, communication areas, parameters, the flow of data elements, and resources employed (Helgeson, Page. 21, col.0420).

### *Response to Arguments*

Applicant's arguments filed 12/09/2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments are as follows.

A. Applicant argued that Helgeson is predominantly web enabled and there is no to enable a transaction-based mainframe application that is not originally designed to process transaction over the web to do so.

As to point A Helgeson disclosed, "This would be accomplished by declaring a transactional attribute of TX-REQUIRED for the method cancelClass() in the beans deployment descriptor. If the calling client or bean already has a transaction started, the method will then be executed within the scope of that transaction will automatically be started for this method (Page. 21,

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Paragraph. 0420). One ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention knows that couple of ways first by scanning the codes to transfer the application content between two different operating system and it doesn't matter to what kind of operating system should be included and second by specifying the specific parameters.

B. Applicant argued that O'Brien patent disclosed a web or browser-based application, so there is no need to use the identified information and extracted information to package the user-selected transaction in a form compatible with a connector building tool by generating a communication area file that may be parsed by the connector building tool to build a connector and documentation file that provides documentation about communication area file, wherein the connector enables the transaction-based mainframe application to process transaction over the web. But O'Brien did not teach the claimed connector.

As to point B One ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention knows that in order for the application to run another operating you just build an interface between that application and the operating system environment. O'Brien did disclose the user must be sent back to the same database query is made at step 740 to determine if that database is still up. If it is, the request is passed to the pool specification where it is subsequently passed to the database object, on to the connection pool and the appropriate database, either the transactional database or the query database. One ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention interpreted the connector pool also pool of drivers or interfaces that contains in order for different application to be able to communicate with different operating systems, whereas interface is actually written software code to have the application and the operating system to understand each other and that is also true for regarding Helgeson.

***Conclusion***

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571)-272-3885.

11. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571)-272-3933. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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12. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at (866)-217-9197 (toll-free).

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Examiner



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